

## KINDERGARTEN

### Children as Citizens: An Introduction to Social Studies

**Standard K-3:** The student will demonstrate an understanding of key American figures and symbols.

**K-3.3 Identify the reasons for celebrating the national holidays, including Independence Day, Thanksgiving, President's Day, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (H, P)**

**Taxonomy Level:** A 1 Remember/ Factual Knowledge

**Previous/future knowledge:** This is the students' first and only introduction to national holidays.

**It is essential for students to know** that Americans celebrate holidays like Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents Day and Martin Luther King Day as a reflection of our democratic values and our struggle for independence. Students should know that Independence Day is celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup> to mark the birth of America. They should also know that Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November to celebrate the friendship between early settlers and Native Americans. Students should know that Presidents Day is celebrated in February to honor all American presidents and students should also know that Martin Luther King Day is celebrated in January to remember the efforts of Martin Luther King on his birthday.

**It is not essential for students to know** other holidays than the ones listed or the history behind these holidays.

**Assessment guidelines:**

Appropriate assessment requires students to *identify* reasons for celebrating national holidays therefore; the primary focus of assessments should also require students to *recall* national holidays such as Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents Day, and Martin Luther King Jr. and to *identify* general reasons for celebrating national holidays.